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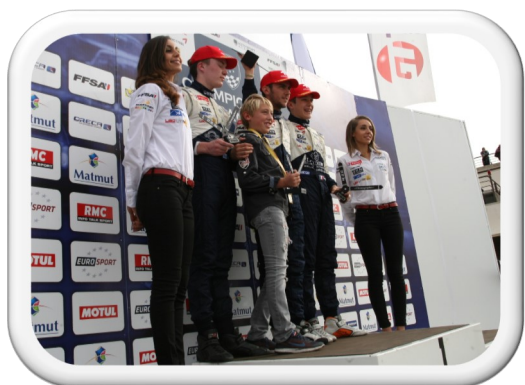
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FRENCH F4 CHAMPIONSHIP - GT TOUR LE CASTELLET - LEG 7 - SUMMARY

VALENTIN MOINEAULT THE STAR OF THE 2015 SEASON!

The curtain had just fallen on the 2015 French F4 Championship and the ASA trainee drivers congratulated the champion, Valentin Moineault, after the last round of the season in the final GT Tour meeting on the Paul Ricard circuit. On the podium, the runner-up Sacha Fenestraz and third-placed Gabriel Aubry shared with him the joy of finishing the year in a blaze of glory. They were rewarded for their brilliant performances by Dominique Lunel, the Auto Sport Academy general secretary.



Right from the start of the weekend it looked like it was going to be an exciting meeting. The final leg of the GT Tour was eagerly-awaited by the trainee drivers who all wanted to know who would win the French Championship title, even if Valentin Moineault's name was on everybody's lips.

In qualifying on Friday he came out on top. Fenestraz and Aubry, who were second and third quickest, were unable to topple him from the no. 1 spot. With the advantage of starting from pole in two out of the three races on the programme, Moineault knew he could

clinch the title in the first heat.

The drivers lined up on the grid on Saturday morning for the first race in positions decided by the second-fastest times in qualifying. Moineault started on pole and was never headed. Fenestraz tried to snatch the lead from him on one occasion, failed to do so, and Aubry took advantage of this to slip past into second place.

While Moineault pulled away, the crowd saw some good scraps between Giuliano Alesi, British driver Louis Robert Gachot and Mexican Axel Matus. Behind this trio Julien Andlauer was waiting to pounce. After trying to attack Moineault who had slowed a little Aubry saw Fenestraz looming in his mirrors. On the final lap the Savoyard launched an attack on his fellow-countryman and pushed him back to third. As Moineault took the chequered flag he shook his fist in triumph as he knew that his seventh victory of the season had clinched the 2015 French F4 Championship title.

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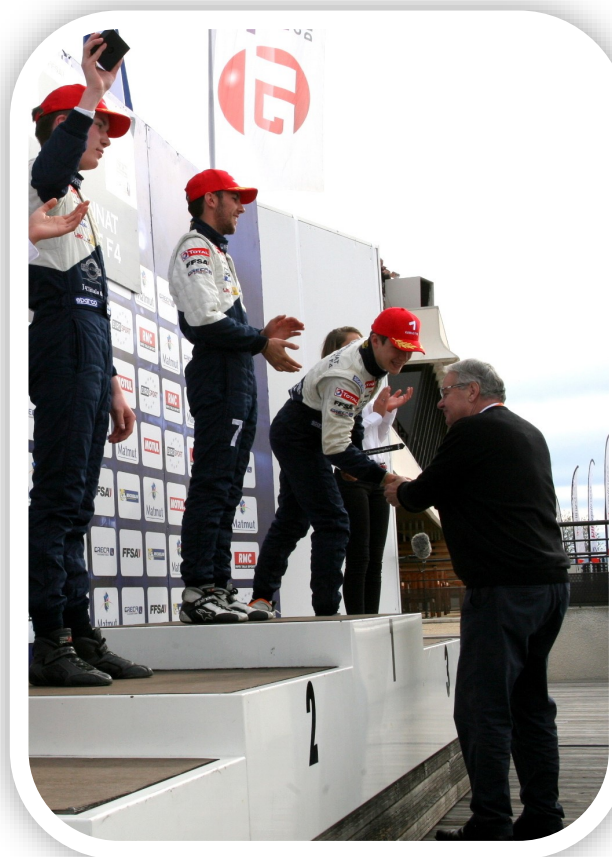


Thanks to the principle of the reversed order of the first 10 in race 1, the grid positions for race 2 gave an advantage to Julien Darras and Yifei Ye from China who filled first and second places. The Frenchman made a great start but Ye held on to second place glued to Darras's gearbox as he moved in for the kill! Behind these two there were hectic battles going on all through the pack. As the quickest drivers had to fight their way back to the front positions changed rapidly. Russian Nerses Isaakyan and Fenestraz sliced their way up through the field. The latter had to bag a big haul of points to hold on to his runner-up spot, which was still provisional at that moment. Ye was determined to score another victory and he hassled pole sitter Darras mercilessly before shooting past to take the lead. But it was far from over and the feisty Gachot was out to snatch a top-3 finish in the second-last race of the season. He did so despite a coming-together with Andlauer, which caused the latter's retirement. Ye scored an unchallenged victory and the Chinese national anthem rang out for the second time this year in the French F4 Championship. He was joined on the podium by Darras and Gachot.

The final race took place on Sunday and Moineault was again on pole. When the lights went out Fenestraz, Aubry and Simo Laaksonen from Finland slotted in behind the Frenchman. Laaksonen quickly moved up into third by overtaking Aubry ensuring him of a place on the podium. There were a few collisions and one of the victims was Alesi. Moineault was still in the lead and already he could hear the Marseillaise ringing in his ears! Fenestraz and Laaksonen were locked in a no-holds-barred scrap for second place. Hugo Chevalier, who made a big impression on his first outing in F4, and Swede Reuben Kressner were fighting for seventh. Laaksonen was quicker than Fenestraz and passed him to go into second place, which the French youngster had held till that moment. Gachot retired after a spin. Behind the front-runners Matus, Darras and Kressner were all determined to score a good result and they gave everything in the closing stages of the race. Moineault took the

chequered flag con brio and joining him on the podium were Laaksonen and Fenestraz.

The whole Auto Sport Academy team and the parents of the trainee drivers who accompanied them throughout the season gathered together one last time under the tent to congratulate the trio of talented youngsters Valentin Moineault, winner of the championship, Sacha Fenestraz, victorious in the Junior Championship and Gabriel Aubry who finished third. Moineault was given a cheque for 100.000€ by Dominique Lunel, the Auto Sport Academy general secretary, and then the first three in the French F4 championship received a trophy and a watch offered by the famous French timepiece manufacturer BRM, partner of the Auto Sport Academy since 2012.



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CLT	NOM-PRENOM	PAYS	N°	LEDENON			LE MANS			PAU			BUDAPEST			MAGNY-COURS			NAVARRA			PAUL RICARD HTTT			TOTAL
				C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3	C1	C2	C3	
1	MOINEAULT Valentin	FRA	7	18	6	3	13	8	25	18	2	18	27	6	27	26	0	26	19	0	26	26	8	27	329
2	FENESTRAZ Sacha	FRA	11	4	25	2	18	12	4	26	0	27	15	2	15	18	0	12	10	15	4	19	10	15	253
3	AUBRY Gabriel	FRA	8	12	15	4	0	0	0	15	12	15	1	26	18	15	0	18	16	10	16	15	7	12	227
4	ALESIO Giuliano	FRA	27	27	0	14,5	6	10	0	10	18	12	4	0	8	1	10	0	25	4	10	8	1	0	168,5
5	DARRAS Julien	FRA	1	6	8	0	1	25	15	0	15	0	6	18	1	0	8	16	8	6	6	1	18	8	166
6	LAAKSONEN Simo	FIN	14	0	2	1	10	15	0	13	0	8	8	12	6	8	25	8	0	0	2	12	2	18	150
7	MATUS Axel	MEX	15	15	13	5	15	2	1	4	25	4	0	1	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	12	10	125
8	ANDLAUER Julien	FRA	5	2	18	0	0	0	8	6	0	0	12	10	12	0	13	6	0	3	18	4	0	4	116
9	LALIBERTE Kami	CAN	13	8	10	6	4	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	13	18	10	12	1	12	/	/	/	102
10	KRESSNER Reuben	SUE	9	0	0	7,5	0	0	10	8	0	10	0	0	2	10	15	4	6	8	1	0	0	6	87,5
11	KORNEEV Alexey	RUS	21	1	0	0	26	7	13	/	/	/	10	15	10	/	/	/	/	/	/	0	0	1	83
12	YE Yifei	CHN	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	25	0	2	25	0	73
13	TROITCKII Nikita	RUS	3	0	4	0	8	18	18	/	/	/	18	0	4	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	70
14	GACHOT Louis	GB	6	0	0	0,5	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	8	0	4	4	0	1	12	0	10	15	0	60,5
15	ISAACKYAN Nerses	RUS	17	10	0	9	0	0	2	/	/	/	0	0	0	/	/	/	4	18	8	0	4	2	57
16	SUGNOT-DARNICHE Hugo	FRA	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
17	BENYAHIA Michael	USA	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	/	/	/	0	0	0	12
18	SENEGAS Théophile	FRA	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	7
19	SIERRA Jose	MEX	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	/	/	/	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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